

# **Manichaeism and the New Isis Myth**

**‘I am the Past, the Present and the Future  
Every man should lift my veil.’**

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*In the mystery tradition there have always been schools. In these schools pupils were shown how to achieve future conditions in order that humanity might achieve them in the future. In these mystery schools there were great penalties for those who divulged the secrets ahead of time. But what was once secret in one age, known by a few, becomes the general knowledge of another age. What was once esoteric, becomes exoteric and a new round of esoteric knowledge begins again. And so has it always been.*

*On January 6<sup>th</sup> 1918 Rudolf Steiner gave a lecture in which he unveiled to the world The New Isis Myth. He asked those present for their impartiality and requested them to be free from prejudice, above all he wanted it to be brought before the eye of the soul in imaginations. He gave it because he had inaugurated a new esoteric stream of the Mysteries. A stream that united all the mystery streams into one - Anthroposophy. He asked that this Myth not be met with abstract thinking. As far as possible it should be understood through imaginations. It is my sincere hope that I can shed some light on this Myth without taking away its 'magical quality'.*

*In addition, I would like to point out that there are many more facets to this myth and that what is contained in this lecture is only one facet, and an imperfect one at that, as this lecture is still a work in progress. Even so, if it stimulates others to explore this myth more closely or even to improve on what I have given then my task here has been accomplished.*

In so saying, let us continue. Our first question should then be:

### **Who is Manu, Who was Manes and who was Mani?**

There are many Manu's. Manu is a designation for those exalted beings that inspire mankind from above. Each evolutionary epoch has had its Manu. Just before the destruction of Atlantis a particular Manu rescued a certain section of mankind. The Bible calls this Manu, Noah. This section of mankind became the leaders of the first cultural Epoch of our 5<sup>th</sup> Post Atlantean Epoch – The Indian Epoch. This Manu then appointed one individual through whom Manu could work supersensibly. This human being was then given the name Manes – in other words, the pupil of Manu.

Manes had the task of preparing himself for becoming the first truly human Manu in the sixth cultural epoch, the epoch of the spirit, which in the Gospel of St John is characterised by two primary imaginations:

- The Wedding of Cana, in which there is a union of the entirety of the individual human soul (Sophia) with the Higher Ego (Christ). This is a union with the Christ in ourselves - Love.
- The Pentecost in which the Spirit is born in the soul (Sophia) of each individual or self, which can unite them as a community (Spirit Self). This spirit facilitates a union with the Christ in others - Brotherhood.

The 6th epoch has been in preparation from the earliest times. After his incarnation as a pupil of Manu in India, Manes incarnated in the Egyptian mysteries as the young man of

Sais who pulled the veil from Isis ahead of time and was struck down; then again in Greco Roman times this human being overshadowed by the great Manu was born again as the young man of Nain who was said to have been the son of a widow, that is, who had undergone initiation, or widowed his soul, his mother, by lifting up his Etheric body, Astral body and Ego from the physical body, the father, to sojourn in the spiritual world. This initiation was conducted by Christ himself. After that Manes incarnated again as Mani whose task it was to Christianise the doctrine of Zarathustra, and also as Parzifal, who would bring the Grail stream from east to west to meet the Arthur stream and to unite both in the ninth century. Parzifal was able to reach, ahead of time for all humanity, the way to the Holy Grail which means that already in the ninth century, when most of humanity was attempting to reach the stage of the Intellectual Soul, he had already reached the stage of the Consciousness Soul. Manes has always had his followers, or those who belong to his stream. These were called, and are still called, the Manicheans.

### **Who were the past Manicheans?**

External history traces the Manicheans to Mani, a young man born in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century AD. He is said to have been the son of a widow. The story tells how he withdrew for a year into absolute darkness and solitude where he experienced a meeting with the Christ - a Damascus experience and in which he was given a doctrine that encompasses man's development from Saturn to Vulcan. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century AD Mani was executed. In esoteric terms what doctrine did Mani receive in that cave? This constituted a doctrine that would be kept safe for mankind for future times. The knowledge understood by all the mysteries: how the ego can transform the Astral body, the Etheric body and finally the Physical body in order to achieve perfection: Manas, Budhi, Atma or the Mystery of the Holy Grail, of the Emerald Tablet and of the Diamond or the Philosopher's stone. Parzifal prepared the way by unveiling the Mysteries of the Holy Grail for all mankind. The Cathars of France and the Templars were Manicheans. They took up the guardianship of this Mystery and consciously sought to cleanse the Astral body, the Astral Grail, and the social life of evil through powerful forces of the will. The right conditions were then created for the reincarnation of John the Divine as Christian Rosencreutz in the thirteenth century who would go on to unveil the mysteries of the Chymical Wedding, that is, how the purified soul can then unite with Christ in the heart to create an Etheric Grail- the Etheric heart, which has a connection to the Emerald, the Emerald tablet gives an indication of this - as above so is below. It is for this reason that Wolfram von Eschenbach called the Grail an emerald fallen from the crown of Lucifer. The task of the Freemasons then became to work on building social and physical forms, the royal art was the transformation and spiritualise of the mineral aspect of man and nature, the Atom. This formed a Physical Grail and that is why it has been called the Philosopher's Stone by the men of the middle Ages. The Physical body is transformed into a diamond.

The new Manichean stream is a stream that recapitulates the past at a higher level. Those who belong to this stream will have their most important incarnations in the sixth epoch. They will unveil the secret of the sacrificial power of the ego.

The first step occurs when the lower ego is absorbed by the Holy Spirit which can retain individual selfhood while, at the same time, uniting with others in spirit - Rudolf Steiner calls this new member, the Spirit Self. We will see how this relates to the New Isis Mystery.

But first we have to understand the old Isis Mystery.

## **The Old Isis Mystery**

Osiris and Isis were a pair of Gods whose influences were originally experienced by the priests to be working from the world of the fixed stars. Osiris was Christ, seen from Orion, and Isis was Sophia seen from Sirius. Later on the Priests could only see as far as the planetary sphere and so Osiris descended to the Sun and Isis to the Moon. Later still only the elements could be experienced by the priests and these gods descended to the sphere of the chemical ether, the music of the spheres, Isis was seen then as the World Mother giving birth to Osiris who was the Word or the Logos and from this birth there sounded forth the Cosmic Word in the sentient souls of the priests.

When Imaginative consciousness gradually faded, men could only see through outer senses. From that time on man could no longer lift the veil of Isis because even to Initiates this was only possible after death.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that this tragedy was expressed in the Osiris myth in the death of Osiris, who is killed by Typhon (Ahriman) and sealed in a coffin. He is carried away by the Nile and found again by Isis at Biblos in Phoenicia – the land of the written symbols – the abstract word which replaced the language of imagination, the Logos. She brought Osiris back to Egypt but Typhon tore Osiris into fourteen pieces, which Rudolf Steiner tells us is related to the fourteen phases of the moon from full moon to new and to the development of the spinal cord. Osiris then became the Lord of the dead in the underworld. Isis then bore him a son, Horus. Horus saw that Isis had not killed Typhon who had murdered his father and he tore the crown from her head and replaced it with cow horns. Typhon was then defeated in two battles with the help of Hermes or Mercury, which has a connection to Lucifer.

The Egyptians, Rudolf Steiner tells us were permeated by Lucifer, that is, Lucifer is said to have lived within their souls while Ahriman was experienced more in the outer world.

The events around the Mystery of Golgotha then brought the Being of Christ and Isis into the world, as Jesus Christ and Mary of the Luke Gospel. Now they could be perceived with physical eyes. The Mystery of Golgotha created the conditions necessary for a reversal of the loss of spirit consciousness. Christ the Osiris of the Egyptians had come down to earth and had died and overcome death through resurrection, he redeemed the ego. Now capacities were instilled in human beings to overcome the death of ego consciousness in the spiritual world in life and in death. The Wisdom of Sophia, Isis, which had descended from spiritual worlds into the human soul, worked in a twofold way to inspire the pious feelings of the shepherds in the fields and the grand visions of the Magi. Even so, the intellectual age that followed meant that men were more and more permeated within by death, by Ahriman, who lives in our intellectual thinking, while Lucifer was outside now, in the pictures of the world.

In the new Isis Myth Rudolf Steiner pictures modern humanity's struggle to rise up to a new imaginative knowledge through the living spirit, by bringing to balance the forces of Ahriman and Lucifer, which will result in the redemption of the Typhon of our age, Lucifer.

## **What is the New Isis Myth?**

It begins, Rudolf Steiner tells us, in the land of Philisterium, on a lonely hill where a building stands (Goetheanum) which reveals an open secret. Everyone could go there but many could see nothing. The centre piece of the building was as a statue (the Representative of man). A visitor came many times to see this statue which was a reality but behind which stood another statue - the sleeping form of Isis (Anthroposophia). The new Isis/Anthroposophia/human soul bore a son, 'consciousness' and believed that the visitor, Lucifer, was the father of this consciousness. The visitor, Lucifer, also believed this. But this was not a truth. It was an error. This visitor Lucifer believed that he could increase his

strength in a special way if he took possession of the soul (the new Isis) and the soul because of Lucifer took this 'consciousness' to many parts of the world and through the power of the world in which lived Lucifer this consciousness fell into fourteen pieces which were collected by Lucifer and made into a whole, with all the knowledge derived through the profundities of science. This new whole 'consciousness' lived in a being that was governed only by mechanical and machine-like laws. This being had an appearance of life and could multiply itself again by fourteen times. Typhon Lucifer gave to each of these 'new sons' a reflection of his own being, so that each of the fourteen sons of the new Isis or human soul, acquired a face that resembled him. Isis realised she had caused this herself and through the elemental nature spirits saw the true nature of Lucifer. She realised also that she still possessed her cow horns, that is, the old clairvoyant consciousness or Moon 'consciousness' related to Lucifer himself who some say was Mercury (Lucifer is connected to Venus but the names of Venus and Mercury were swapped in the Middle ages because the astrologers understood the mystery of the redemption of Lucifer when he would become the regent of Mercury). Lucifer now places a crown on her head where she once wore the gold crown which her son Horus had torn from her, but this new crown was made of paper covered in writings on all kinds of deep scientific knowledge, an earthly wisdom. But one day when she realised the deep meaning of what John's Gospel describes as the Logos, she becomes conscious of Christ, of the word and understands the meaning of Golgotha and through this power the might of the cow horns, the old clairvoyance is redeemed and takes hold of the paper crown, the earthly wisdom and transforms it or spiritualises it into a real crown of gold, into true wisdom – the wisdom of Christ - Christosophia.

The New Isis Myth is the revelation of the workings of the Holy Spirit in the soul, which relinquishes the old clairvoyance and the abstract mechanical dead thinking and works towards a future where a new clairvoyance rises up out of a redeemed thinking to a consciousness of the spirit – Imaginative consciousness in order to apprehend or understand Christ.

### **What is the imagination of the Wedding of Cana in relation to this Myth?**

The instrument of creating a new consciousness of the spirit in the soul is the ego. It is on the one hand what makes one ego feel itself better than another. It is what makes men want to drive all other egos away and be at war with them. On the other hand the ego is all that makes us free in the fullest sense of the word. It elevates us and exalts us. It is what gives us our worth and dignity. It is our potential for the divine. It is through the power of the ego that man can work on his Astral body, his Etheric body and his physical nature. There are opposing powers that would like to take hold of man's ego in order to control and rule him, Lucifer works in the outer world giving human beings a world of pretty pictures that is amoral, or lacking in consequences, and Ahriman works in the inner world inspiring a cold abstract intellect that is immoral/untruthful, a world devoid of imaginations. The Manicheans understood that a time would come to lift the veil from the soul to understand how Ahriman and Lucifer worked, but they understood that by this lifting up was meant an increasing in consciousness and that this was accompanied by a form of sacrifice.

It is the task of our age to make the ego so independent that it can offer the free individual gift of love even to God. The battle for mankind is at hand and there are spiritual forces working in the soul of man to take away his freedom to control him so that his ego becomes hardened and worthless and man is transformed into an automata; or on the other hand there are forces that work to make man selfish and inflated with self worth leading him on the path to megalomania. The Holy Spirit in the Self Rudolf Steiner calls Spirit Self. It is capable of maintaining the sovereignty of individual without allowing it to fall into self-love

because self love is sacrificed at the altar of brotherhood – the Holy Spirit therefore works against Luciferic selfishness and egocentricity.

### What is the Holy Spirit from a Macrocosmic Standpoint?

Rudolf Steiner tells us that the Holy Spirit is the Cosmic Spirit of Universal Love<sup>1</sup>, the substance of all pervading wisdom that is transformed into love<sup>2</sup> and which emanates from those regions of the Zodiac associated with the Bull. This spirit principle working from the region of the fixed stars is thereby connected to the astral world, and, microcosmically, the Astral body in human beings. The Astral body is directly related to the third hierarchy of: Archæ, Archangels, and in particular, Angels whose sphere of activity is mainly the Moon sphere. This hierarchy is responsible for communicating or reflecting the intentions of the Holy Spirit to the earth – that is, the Holy Spirit communicates through the individual angel to the human being. It also communicates what humanity can give back to the Second and first hierarchies by way of the Archangels and the Archæ, and through the second and third hierarchy to the other divine persons of the Holy Trinity, the Son and the Father.

It is the task of the being of the Divine Sophia through the being of Anthroposophia, to both **create** through wisdom a suitable vessel in human beings for the Holy Spirit, and also to **reflect** the Holy Spirit Being of the Trinity towards human beings on earth by way of the individual angels. We can see an example of this reflection in the Egyptian Mysteries. Whenever the reflection proceeded primarily from Anthroposophia working on behalf of the Divine Sophia she was depicted as Isis; whenever the reflection came primarily from the region of the Bull, or the region of the Holy Spirit, Anthroposophia was depicted as Hathor the cow goddess who wears the bull's horns<sup>3</sup> that hold the disc of the Sun.



What does it mean when we say the disk of the sun or the golden crown resides within the cow horns? It signifies that the activity of the Holy Spirit, reflected to earth as an impulse from the region of the Bull, is working progressively towards the region of the Ram or within the Solar system, from the Sphere of the Moon (Archaic, Archangels, Angels – representatives of the Holy Spirit) to the Sun Sphere (Spirits of Form, Spirits of Motion, Spirits of Wisdom – as representatives of the Son).

Why is this important? To know this we have to understand the Holy Spirit from a microcosmic standpoint.

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<sup>1</sup> Sergei O Prokofieff, *The Cycle of the Year as a Path of Initiation* page 221

<sup>2</sup> The Divine Sophia reflects the activity of the second and third person of the trinity and brings it to expression in a creative way through the various members of her being, Sergei O Prokofieff *The Heavenly Sophia and the Being of Anthroposophia* page 242.

<sup>3</sup> Sergei O Prokofieff, *The Twelve Holy Nights and the Spiritual Hierarchies* page 30.

Rudolf Steiner tells us in his lecture entitled Foundations of Esotericism that the breath is related to the word as the **Holy Spirit** is to Christ. This means the Holy Spirit is the bearer of Christ, that is, He begets Christ, in the same way that the breath is the bearer of the word, or begets the word. In a microcosmic sense this means that the Holy Spirit allows for the expression of Christ to resound within the soul of human beings. He does this by over-shinning and finally entering into the perfected Astral body or Spiritual Soul as the warmth of universal wisdom – Spiritual Light. The lower ego then sacrifices itself, that is, it becomes consumed by the light of universal wisdom and now what the ordinary Ego was to the soul is taken over by the individualising force of Spirit Self. This Spirit Self now allows the human being to unite in an inner way with the being of Christ, whilst still retaining fully awake individual ego consciousness or selfhood. The difference is that this self hood is also self-less, that is, it can be both centre and periphery, it can be one with the Christ in the self or one with the Christ in the self of all human beings, it enables communion. In an inner Microcosmic sense this Holy Spirit enters the perfected Moon nature which has been transformed by the ego - the virginal womb or perfected Astral body of the human being and acts as a medium, as the bearer for the birth of the Sun consciousness, the consciousness of the Word, the Logos of Christ who is the Horus within. In an outer Macrocosmic sense this results in a fully conscious clairvoyance – or clear sight into that aspect of the spiritual world in which the Christ also resides, the Etheric world and he becomes visible to those prepared human beings. This is his second coming or Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric. We can see the connection here with the imagination of the Holy Grail – the Sun disk, the Christ, sitting within the redeemed sickle Moon, the soul. This is both a rebirth and a marriage.

When this Spirit coming from the region of the Bull (Holy Spirit) does not move in the direction of the Ram (Son) or the Sun Sphere - from Moon to Sun, from Holy Spirit to Christ but chooses instead to egoistically remain in the sphere of the Moon, that is, it chooses to sever its tie with the Holy Spirit, then it works against the Holy Spirit and acts as a false or ‘untrue’ spirit. In this case the Bull is seen by human beings on earth as an expression of egoism, as in the Bull that overcomes the Sun God Mithras or the ‘Golden Calf’ of the Hebrew people.<sup>4</sup>

What being is the embodiment of this false spirit in the Cosmos?

## **Lucifer**

The name Lucifer means ‘Light bearer’ in Latin: Lux = light + Fero = he who bears. In Biblical terms, Lucifer is that being that tempted Eve - the soul - to take “into herself” the substance of the Ego or consciousness, that is, the ‘light’. This being led humanity away from the divine spiritual world and into the world of senses thereby enabling humanity to develop freedom and individuality. In order to understand Lucifer’s role from an esoteric standpoint we need to understand that this Fall was first experienced by Lucifer himself when he rebelled against the divine spiritual powers during the Old Moon phase of Earthly evolution – when the power of the Holy Spirit was most active. It was during the Old Moon stage of world development that the Holy Spirit implanted wisdom into the world – ‘light’<sup>5</sup>. At this time Angels were undergoing their human stage and the Astral body of the human being was implanted into the physical and Etheric sheaths by higher beings. Lucifer had reached the highest position in the rank of Angels but he chose at this time to remain behind, that is to say, Lucifer who had, by the end of Moon evolution reached the stage of beginning to work on the

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid page 31, see also Rudolf Steiner Signs and Symbols of the Christmas Festival Lecture I Birth of Light

<sup>5</sup> Rudolf Steiner Signs and Symbols of the Christmas Festivals The Birth of Light. Berlin Dec 19 1904

development of his Spirit Self turned his back on his relationship with the Holy Spirit and did not continue with a normal evolution<sup>6</sup> but chose instead to proceed in an abnormal way.

### **How did he do this?**

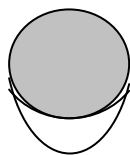
He took a part of this Holy Spirit 'light' into himself and cut it off from the sea of Cosmic Spirit 'light'. Thus he remained on earth when the Moon broke away from world evolution - an imagination of this is seen in Michael casting Lucifer down to the earth. This 'selfishness' caused Lucifer to become an antagonist to the Holy Spirit<sup>7</sup> that is, he was antagonistic to the 'light' of the Holy Spirit and was only desirous to know only his own 'light'.

Later during Lemurian times - a reflection of the Moon stage of world evolution - Lucifer tempted the Ego of human beings to enter into the human Astral body. This meant that the physical human eye could now see into the physical world upon which shone physical light.<sup>8</sup> Lucifer and his followers were able to enter into human beings and to see the external 'light' sensed and internalised by the newly acquired human ego in order to continue his evolution.<sup>9</sup> This was a comfortable place for Lucifer, since he had been elaborating his Ego on old Moon when the Astral body of human beings was being implanted<sup>10</sup>.

This awakening of consciousness to the world constitutes the human being's fall from Paradise, his 'unconsciousness' or the darkening of his vision to the heavenly 'light'.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that it is thus from the Moon Sphere that a counterbalance of forces had to ray down to humanity. The Moon sphere is where dwelt those spirits that had renounced their rightful place on the Sun, in particular the collection of beings belonging to the rank of spirits of Form known to the Hebrew people as Elohim-Jahve, beings who had endowed man with his ego (though only in a form that was more like a group soul ego). These beings had to give up their right to exist in the Sphere of the Sun to be near the earth in order to prevent this fall from going 'too far'.<sup>11</sup> We see the representation of this restraint in the dark disc of the moon sitting within the illuminated crescent. The Luciferic reflection of the sun's light - the selfish reflection of the light rayed down by Luciferic Spirits on the sun and reflected to earth is restrained or kept in check by the dark forces coming from the messengers of the Holy Spirit on the moon above the illuminated crescent.<sup>12</sup>

We have two imaginations:



In this first imagination we see in the crescent moon a representation of those beings that had not wished the Holy Spirit to be reflected from the sphere of the Moon back to the Sphere of the Sun. This Luciferic light is cut off from the Sun sphere and remains shining out to us from the sphere of the Moon but its forces are restrained by the spirits of Wisdom, the

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<sup>6</sup> Rudolf Steiner Spiritual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and the Kingdoms of Nature page 194

<sup>7</sup> Sergei O Prokofieff The Occult significance of Forgiveness age 182.

<sup>8</sup> Rudolf Steiner Spiritual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and the Kingdoms of Nature page 197

<sup>9</sup> Adriana Koulias Faith Love and Hope as a Counterforce to Evil

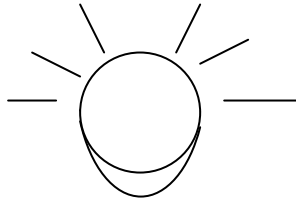
<sup>10</sup> Adriana Koulias, Faith Love and Hope as a Counterforce to Evil

<sup>11</sup> Rudolf Steiner, Spiritual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and the Kingdoms of Nature page 207.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid page 200



dark aspect of the sun. They seek to minimise the effects of the fall in man by restraining the Luciferic light of the moon. This images forth the overcoming of the moon forces in our own souls by Wisdom. It is the Holy Grail. That is, the cup of the soul is filled with the wisdom of the spiritual sun forces. This is the stage of the Wedding of Cana.



In this second imagination the Holy Spirit has moved from the Moon sphere to Sun sphere, it is the redeemed Luciferic light that finds the Christ or Sun in human beings - The Holy Grail now not only holds the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. It holds the Essence of Christ. This is the stage of the Pentecost.

### **What does this mean for the Divine Sophia?**

When Lucifer tempted the human soul – Eve – to take into itself the substance of ego-hood it began a process that would lead to this slow ‘cutting off’ we have seen above from worlds of Spirit and therefore from the Cosmic Wisdom of the Divine Sophia on the Sun.

The Gnostics saw that human beings were acquiring more and more wisdom of the world but in the process they had become more and more estranged from Worlds of Spirit and therefore from the being of the Divine Sophia. This was counterbalanced by the descent of the Archangelic Being of Anthroposophia whose task it was to sacrifice her connection to the Divine Sophia. This means that she sacrificed her consciousness of the Divine Sophia in those higher realms in which She resides, in order to accompany humanity in its development and inspire its progress. She did this to prepare the human soul for the descent of the Cosmic Intelligence of Christ which Michael would sacrifice to humanity. The rebirth of the Divine Sophia in human beings requires the purification of the soul into a virginal Sophian substance. This is a Microcosmic reflection of the Macrocosmic Divine Wisdom. The capacities created thereby are capable of apprehending the Cosmic Intelligence of Christ. Because of her close ties with the human soul her own development is dependent on human development. She can only regain consciousness of those regions beyond the dark aspect of the zodiac to the light aspect where resides the Divine Sophia if human beings do. And it is only in this way that she can rise upwards to attain her own Spirit Self - Manas, Life Spirit - Budhi and Spirit Man – Atma. This is the important thing: the Being of Anthroposophia has to pass through the human being so that she can be reunited with her mother, the Divine Sophia. And by doing so we acquire the Wisdom to understand the Cosmic Intelligence.

The Gnostics called the estrangement of the being of Anthroposophia from the Divine Sophia a death. They called it Achamot – the death of the Sophia. Lucifer was known in the mysteries to have killed the Sophia. That is why the statue of the New Isis is sleeping, her consciousness of the Divine Wisdom has been dulled and so she mistakes Lucifer for the Holy Spirit, the father of her Horus.

Manes, the young man of Sais who lifted the veil from Isis prematurely, will help all of humanity to lift the veil from past present and future in the sixth epoch. That is, he will inaugurate an age where Imaginative consciousness is reborn in human beings. This is the age of the Wedding of Cana, the age of the new Witsun or Pentecost experience, when the Spirit of

Love, and of Brotherhood will enter human beings through the activity of the Holy Spirit and the Son, Christ.

### **What lives behind the Pentecost imagination then?**

The bible tells us that 50 days after the Resurrection of Christ and ten days after His Ascension into spiritual worlds there followed an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Tongues of fire 'lighted' over the head of each Apostle and they began to speak in different tongues.

Rudolf Steiner in his book the Fifth Gospel tells us that this Spirit enabled the apostles to individually understand all that they had previously known of Christ in a dreamlike state, a state that was not fully conscious. This included their life on Earth with Christ Jesus, his crucifixion, Resurrection and the teachings they received from Him. It also was the substance of love that united them – they were stirred by the Cosmic Spirit of Love.<sup>13</sup>

The possibility for this was implanted into humanity like a seed in the first Pentecost experienced by the Apostles through the agency of the Mother of God. In future times (beginning with the 6<sup>th</sup> Cultural Epoch) it will become the foundation for a new social art which will be inaugurated the first human Manu. That is why he is often called the Paraclete, the comforter, the Holy Spirit.

There is here a mystery that connects the human Manu and the transformed Lucifer, the morning star or Mercury, which will have to be explored at a later time.

The New Isis Mystery tells us:

What lives and weaves in the soul (Astral body) since the fall is impregnated with Luciferic forces, which enabled the acquisition of knowledge of the world through human consciousness and freedom. A redemption of Luciferic forces in the Astral body occurs when human beings utilize the freedom and consciousness they have acquired through these forces to understand the Christ Being. A deed that has significance not only for the human Astral body but also for the Astral body of the earth and the Astral world or Moon Sphere, the scene of action for the third hierarchy of Angels and the elemental beings.

How is this so?

The perfected human Astral body or the Virgin Sophia of the soul we have seen is the vessel into which the Holy Spirit enters in order to illuminate the Being of Christ. This 'light' that comes from the region of the Bull passes through the sphere of the Angeloi Archangeloi and Archai and meets that other 'light' that was once the product of selfishness in thoughts, feelings and will impulses in the soul - Lucifer's temptation - which is now purified to universal thoughts, universal feelings and will to perform deeds of universal significance. This merging of Macrocosm and Microcosm, that is, the Holy Spirit 'light' coming from above and the redeemed Luciferic 'light' rising upwards from below signifies a marriage of the Holy Spirit with the purified Luciferic Spirit in the soul. We can see how this has an influence that extends from human beings directly up to the region of the Bull taking in all the members of the Cosmic Sophia!

This marriage of Macrocosmic 'light' with Microcosmic 'light' means a resurrection for Lucifer. He is resurrected in a new form within the human being when he becomes the 'Light of the Spirit', having taken into his substance the cosmic 'Spirit Self' of Christ.

This is a Manichean redemption of Evil.

In his lecture entitled the Deed of Christ and the Opposing Spiritual Powers Rudolf Steiner tells us what this means not only for Lucifer but for those spirits who chose to follow him on Old Moon.

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<sup>13</sup> Sergey O Prokofieff, The Cycle of the Year as a Path of Initiation page 222

*“Then the Luciferic Spirits are cleansed and purified in the fire of Christianity and the wrong done to the earth by them is changed into blessing. Freedom has been attained; but it will also be carried into the spiritual sphere as a blessing. That man is capable of this, that he is capable of understanding Christ, that Lucifer, resurrected in a new form, can unite with Christ as the good Spirit — this, as prophecy still, was told by Christ Himself to those around Him, when He said: “Ye shall be illumined by the new Spirit, by the Holy Spirit!” This “Holy Spirit” is none other than the Spirit through whom man can apprehend what Christ has wrought. Christ desired not merely to work, but also to be apprehended, to be understood. Therefore the sending of the Spirit by whom men are inspired, the sending of the “Holy spirit”, is implicit in Christianity...This “Holy Spirit” is none other than the Lucifer-Spirit, resurrected now in higher, purer glory — the Spirit of independent understanding, wisdom-in-woven.”*

Lucifer will become the Holy Teacher within the human being. He is transformed from the spirit of selfishness to the spirit of selflessness of Brotherhood. He helps us to see the Christ in others.

This has also another meaning.

The merging of Macrocosmic spirit and Microcosmic spirit illuminates not only the Christ consciousness within the human Astral body so that a spiritual Sun is born in it and we can perceive the Christ in others, but this Christ consciousness also lights up in the Astral world, in the realm of the Angels where He is once again perceived after a period of darkness through the light in our hearts! The Elementals on earth have already heard the call and they direct the human being to the spirit, because it is through them that we experience the angels and higher beings. In other words it is through seeing into the Etheric, through the elemental beings, that we see Lucifer for who he really is, and it is also through the elemental spirits that we come to Christ Himself.

Lucifer through the fall is said to have killed the Sophia, Isis, that is, he is said to have cut off the being of Anthroposophia from the Divine Sophia through ego consciousness. In turn Anthroposophia as a servant of Michael creates conditions for both Lucifer’s rebirth as a Light bearer - and the rebirth of Sophia or Isis of Christ in human beings. Thus it is primarily through Anthroposophy as it is given to humanity by Rudolf Steiner that human beings can embark on a program of work whose end product is the fashioning of Spirit from Soul.

Now we understand the saying:

**Wisdom lives in the light.**

**In the Microcosmic Human sense: Without the Light (of knowledge) Lucifer, there can be no Earthly Wisdom; without Cosmic Wisdom’s Light (Sophia) human beings live in spiritual darkness because Lucifer is not redeemed.**

This spiritualisation has already begun and will be an experience of the sixth cultural Epoch of human evolution. Rudolf Steiner named the Theosophical magazine Lucifer Gnosis (Christ knowledge illuminated by the new born Lucifer) in anticipation of this event because even in our time insofar as each individual reaches out towards this goal he is redeeming Lucifer.

This makes the epoch that we live in very important since it is *only in this epoch* a recapitulation of Ancient Egypt that we are given the opportunity to prepare for this momentous event. Only in our epoch can we lay the foundation for the rebirth of the Cosmic Wisdom of Sophia in the human being (Wedding of Cana) so that Lucifer can be redeemed by the Holy Spirit which enables us to see the Christ in the other, (Pentecost).

Our epoch is the epoch of the Fifth Mystery that is the Mystery of Evil, we have to come to terms with Evil in this epoch if we are to achieve the consciousness necessary for transforming this evil by degrees. At this stage only Lucifer can be redeemed. The task of the next epoch, the epoch of the Sixth Mystery, the Mystery of the Word is to unite with the word because we have transformed this evil in Lucifer. Only in the Seventh Epoch, after uniting with the word can we come to the Mystery of Godliness, that is, how the Christ in us, transforms us into Gods.

The statue of the Representative of Man pictured Christ, the Ego of humanity, holding the balance, the forces of Lucifer above and Ahriman below. Behind this statue, stands the Etheric statue of Isis, who is the soul of humanity. The spiritualised human being of the future will be clothed in soul. He will have a garment of Ether fashioned from the world of the elements.

‘The new myth says that the Elemental Beings give back to Isis her son in his true form.’<sup>14</sup> That is, the true form that was intended before the fall.

But this spiritualisation will not happen without effort. A conscious effort is needed by human beings. Outward events today show us the desire of the world to awaken the Divine Cosmic Feminine that is sleeping, but because she is sleeping the cosmic intelligence she receives is being seized by adversarial powers who wish to materialise it, to make it into a mechanical thing an intelligence that is Ahrimanic, through Luciferic wisdom. The connection of the human soul with the Sophian Wisdom has to be established in the soul in order to protect the Cosmic Intelligence. But this connection has to be gained through active work, with the help of Anthroposophia.

We must work towards **self knowledge**, purifying our thinking feeling and willing through meditation and balancing exercises to awaken a new consciousness that is not seized by Lucifer. When we are neglectful of this we keep that sleeping beauty asleep. We must make our ego, our handsome prince awaken that beauty with the chaste kiss of the spirit. Then we will be in a position to experience a renewed Pentecost, a renewed Whitsun. If we can do this then a Michaelic community will come into being in which along with individuation (Christ in the self) there will be a spirit of brotherhood (Christ in the other) because all Michaelites will speak the same language, the language of the unified wisdom of Christ that proceeds from the Cosmic Sophia through the mediation of the Spirit of Truth.

Isis Sophia Wisdom of God  
Lucifer has slain her  
And on wings of Cosmic forces  
Carried her away into depths of space  
Christ will  
Working in us  
Shall tear her from Lucifer  
And on grounds of spiritual knowledge  
Call to new life in human souls  
Isis Sophia  
Wisdom of God

Thank you and goodnight

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<sup>14</sup> The Foundation Stone – FW Zeylmans van Emmichoven page 111